

**TRANSMITTAL OF UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION FOR FILING**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the utility patent application of inventor(s): **Dean E. Meyer**

and entitled: **RIGID SUPPORT MEMBER FOR PACKS, BAGS AND OTHER ARTICLES**

1. **Type Of Application**

This application is:

- ☐ an original (nonprovisional) application.  
☐ a division of prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
☐ a continuation of prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
☒ a continuation-in-part of prior application Serial No. 10/610,058 .

☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

2. **Enclosed Application Elements are:**

- ☒ A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter,  
☒ specification (including claims and abstract) containing pages 1-35;  
☐ drawings: ☐ 1 copy of \_\_\_\_\_ sheet(s) of formal drawings, **OR**  
☐ 1 copy of sixteen (16) sheet(s) of informal drawings, (Figs. 1-29)  
☒ an executed declaration or oath for the utility patent application including a power of attorney, **OR**  
☐ an unexecuted declaration or oath for the utility patent application including a power of attorney, **OR**  
☐ a copy of an executed declaration or oath including power of attorney from a priority application,  
☐ statement deleting inventor(s) named in the priority application  
☐ Microfiche Computer Program  
☐ nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence  
     a. ☐ computer readable copy  
     b. ☐ paper copy  
     c. ☐ statement verifying above copies

3. **Enclosed Accompanying Application Parts are:**

- ☐ Preliminary Amendment  
☐ Claim cancellations are indicated in Preliminary Amendment  
☒ one itemized, stamped, and self-addressed postcard for the PTO Mail Room date stamp.  
☐ English translation document  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement including Form PTO-1449 and copies of the citations therein.



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4. Small entity status

X Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

5. Filing Fees (as calculated below)

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For:	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Fee
Basic Fee				\$ 770
Total Claims	34 — 20	= 14	x \$ 18 =	\$ 252
Independent Claims	3 — 3	= 0	x \$ 86 =	\$ -0-
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented (if applicable)			+ \$290 =	\$ N/A
Subtotal				\$ 1022
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity				\$ 511
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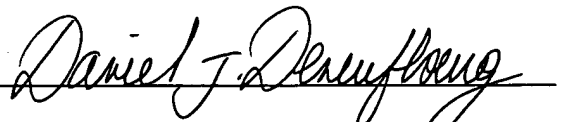
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